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Army Leader Earns 2006 Arthur S. Flemming Award

MC4 Assistant Product Manager Major Wilson Ariza Recognized for Outstanding Government Service

Fort Detrick, Md., May 25, 2006 – U.S. Army Major Wilson A. Ariza, assistant product manager, Medical Communication for Combat Casualty Care (MC4), was selected by George Washington University and the Arthur S. Flemming Awards Commission to join 11 others in receiving the prestigious 2006 Flemming Award. The awards are given each year to outstanding Federal employees and are recognized by the President of the United States.

Ariza has played a critical role in helping to achieve Presidential and Congressional mandates by providing systems that enable a comprehensive, life-long medical record for all Service members. At the MC4 Product Management Office (PMO), Ariza led the initial planning, development and deployment of MC4 systems into the combat zone supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

To date, MC4 PMO has deployed more than 12,000 systems to over 250 deployed medical units throughout Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar and Afghanistan.

“Major Ariza’s efforts have had a profound effect on deployed medical forces worldwide,” said Kevin Carroll, the Army’s Program Executive Officer, Enterprise Information Systems. “Launching a dynamic information management system into the battlefield was instrumental in helping the Army kick off its Electronic Medical Recording Initiative.”



Ariza has twice been recognized by the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) for his role in advancing medical information technology in the battlefield. In 2002, the AMEDD named Ariza Officer of the Year for his leadership at Fort Hood, Texas, where he helped automate healthcare information for medical, dental and veterinary programs. In 2005, Ariza helped MC4 PMO win the AMEDD Information Management/Information Technology Team of the Year award.

“MAJ Ariza’s career commitment to improving healthcare in the battlefield is well documented,” said LTC Edward Clayson, MC4 Product Manager. “It is a tremendous honor to recognize his many accomplishments and years of outstanding service with the Flemming Award.”

The Arthur S. Flemming Awards were established in 1948 in honor of Arthur Flemming’s commitment to public service throughout his distinguished career, which spanned seven decades and 11 presidencies. Past winners include such luminaries as Neil Armstrong, Elizabeth Dole and Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Ariza will receive the award on June 13, 2006, at the annual Flemming Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. For more information on the Arthur S. Flemming Awards, visit <http://www.gwu.edu/flemming/>.

Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) develops, fields and supports a medical information management system for Army tactical medical forces, enabling a comprehensive, life-long electronic medical record for all service members, and enhancing medical situational awareness for operational commanders. Headquartered at Fort Detrick, Md., MC4 is under the oversight of the Army Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) at Fort Belvoir, Va. For more information on MC4, visit www.mc4.army.mil.

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